

South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board

2009–2010 Annual Report and Recommendations



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Vision and Mission

VISION:

South Carolina will make child well-being a top priority by assuring safe, permanent families for all children in foster care.

MISSION:

The mission of the South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board is to provide external accountability for the foster care system and to advocate on behalf of children in foster care.

Data contained in this Annual Report represents children reported by the South Carolina Department of Social Services, who remain in foster care at least four consecutive months and are reviewed by the South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board. This report was prepared by the South Carolina Governor's Office, Children's Foster Care Review Board. For additional information, please contact the Research and Planning Administrator using the contact information listed on the back cover.

Executive Summary

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In these challenging times, it is more critical than ever that all child welfare agencies work together to ensure permanent homes for all children in foster care. The Children's Foster Care Review Board's State Board of Directors, staff and local review board members remain committed to promoting permanency and strengthening the child welfare system through partnerships with other child welfare stakeholders.

On behalf of the State Board of Directors, I am pleased to report the activities of the Children's Foster Care Review Board for the fiscal year 2009-2010. From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, local review board members conducted 8,961 reviews of 5,424 children who remained in foster care for more than four consecutive months. I am extremely proud of the 177 review board volunteers, who serve on the 41 local review boards across the State. These volunteers were not only diligent in their responsibilities to review cases, make recommendations and report deficiencies, but also advocated for system change and provided valuable resources to the children and counties they serve.

Please join us in our endeavor to promote permanence through partnerships. Together, with a shared vision and mission, we can ensure that all children in foster care are provided the opportunity of having a safe and permanent home.

Sissy Brock

Chairperson, State Board of Directors

Program Description

During the early 1970s in South Carolina, many child welfare professionals and citizen groups began advocacy efforts on behalf of children in the foster care system. These efforts began as a result of their concern over the plight of children adrift in the foster care system. The ultimate accomplishment of these efforts was the establishment of the South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board System in 1974, the first such organization in the nation.

The purpose of foster care review is to recommend a permanent home for the child in foster care without unnecessary delay by returning the child home or placing the child in another stable, permanent home. Foster care review promotes safety and permanence, identifies gaps in services, and increases public awareness regarding abuse and neglect.

Each of South Carolina's sixteen judicial circuits must have at least one local review board. Citizen volunteers in each circuit review the cases of all children who spend longer than four consecutive months in foster care. Each child's case is reviewed every six months by a local review board until the child reaches the age of eighteen or is no longer in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Following each child's review, a written recommendation is sent to the Family Court, the Department of Social Services, and other interested parties. Local review boards have five members who are appointed by the Governor, upon recommendation of the local legislative delegation.

Additional information about the South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board is available on our website at www.oepp.sc.gov/fcrb/.

2010 Recommendations

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Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 63-11-700, the State Board of Directors for the Children's Foster Care Review Board makes recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding foster care policies, procedures, and deficiencies of agencies that arrange for foster care of children. This year, the State Board recommends that all government and private stakeholders in the child welfare system collaborate with and support the South Carolina Department of Social Services as a Program Improvement Plan ("PIP") is developed to strengthen South Carolina's foster care system.

The PIP is being developed in response to the 2009 federal Child and Family Services Review ("CFSR"). The CFSR is an evaluation of the child welfare system using federal performance standards for safety, well-being, and permanence. The final CFSR report rated five systemic factors as strengths for South Carolina; however, it also found that the system is below standard in several important areas, many of which the Children's Foster Care Review Board has identified as areas needing improvement. The PIP will strive to bring these areas into compliance with federal standards.

In these times of limited resources, all stakeholders need to participate fully in this plan to strengthen South Carolina's child welfare system. The Children's Foster Care Review Board State Board, staff, and local review board members commit to taking an active role in this important endeavor and challenge others to do the same.

Accomplishments

Local Foster Care Review Board volunteers are invaluable to the child welfare system. In addition to reviewing nearly 9,000 cases during 2009, volunteers also donated their time and resources in a variety of ways that directly benefited children and families in the foster care system in South Carolina.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Elizabeth Andrew

During 2009, local review board volunteers donated a total of 16,403 hours of volunteer service to the child welfare system. The 2009 national dollar value for volunteer time was \$20.25 per hour, which brought the total amount of in-kind donation by review board volunteers to \$313,960 for the state of South Carolina.

Additional local review board activities included:

- ♦ Attending county-based partners' meetings with representatives from the Department of Social Services, the Foster Parent Association, the Guardian ad Litem program, and others to discuss county-specific issues and needs
- ♦ Providing quarterly reports to their local legislative delegations regarding issues and trends noted during case review meetings
- ♦ Presenting the 2008—2009 South Carolina Children's Foster Care Review Board Annual Report to their county legislative delegations
- ♦ Completing service projects that provided many "extras" to the foster care system and to individual children in foster care
- ♦ Creating a 501(c)(3) foundation to support the South Carolina Heart Gallery

Service Projects

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The Children's Foster Care Review Board has many volunteers who express a desire to do more for children in foster care than review cases each month. These service projects demonstrate their commitment to supporting children and the system that serves them. Local review board members have resources and connections that reach far beyond the five people who comprise each board. During 2009, many board members engaged those resources through joint community service projects in an effort to provide additional benefits to the children in care.



Greenville DSS Program Director Emaline Burnett accepting donations of school supplies from Scott Stephens and Vernon McCurry of Review Board 13C.

Local review boards have worked with their faith communities, civic groups, friends, families, and local Department of Social Services offices to develop service projects and to show appreciation for DSS staff. Examples of service projects initiated and developed by local review boards during 2009 include:

- Providing Christmas gifts, backpacks and school supplies for children in foster care, as well as toys for visitation rooms
- Providing personal care supplies for children entering foster care
- Hosting birthday, holiday, and graduation parties for children in foster care
- Hosting holiday appreciation parties for DSS staff
- Providing summer camp scholarships
- Donating new shoes for "Shoe Night" at Shoe Carnival Supporting SC Heart Gallery events
- Awarding gift cards and appreciation lunches for outstanding case work by DSS staff
- Providing child care during Foster Parent Association meetings
- Donating car seats
- Writing personal notes to children expressing encouragement or congratulations

Awards

Review Board Member of the Year

Mary Elizabeth Ouzts, Edgefield County, Review Board 11B, was selected as the 2009 Review Board Member of the Year. Nominated by the Edgefield County Department of Social Services County Director and staff, Mary Elizabeth is known for her compassion and selfless support of children in foster care and those who serve them. Department of Social Services staff reported that they appreciated Mary Elizabeth for attending court, collecting items needed for children entering foster care, providing Christmas gifts for children in foster care through her Garden Club, calling to check on cases, and simply asking “what can I do for you?” Mary Elizabeth has served on her local review board for over fifteen years and she is a true advocate for children.

Review Board of the Year

Review Board 16A, York and Union Counties, was selected as the 2009 Review Board of the Year. Members of Review Board 16A are Dorothy Dixon, Karen Walto, and Martha Haynsworth of York County; and Janet Sherbert and Patricia Owens of Union County. Review Board 16A was nominated by the York and Union County Department of Social Services County Directors, and staff from Intensive Foster Care and Clinical Services.

The following contributions were noted in their nomination:

- ♦ Implementing two service projects for children in foster care
- ♦ Hosting two Heart Gallery receptions and exhibits
- ♦ Speaking to various civic groups to recruit foster and adoptive homes



Left to Right: Sissy Brock, Chairperson, State Board of Directors; Senator Shane Massey; and Mary Elizabeth Ouzts, 11B



Left to Right: Senator Wes Hayes; Dorothy Dixon, 16A; Martha Haynsworth, 16A; Janet Sherbert, 16A; Pat Owens, 16A; and Representative Ralph Norman

Heart Gallery

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Established in 2005, the South Carolina Heart Gallery is a collaborative program administered and supported by the Children's Foster Care Review Board and the South Carolina Department of Social Services. This unique partnership enhances adoption recruitment opportunities for waiting children.

Local photographers donate their services to photograph and provide portraits of children, which are displayed in public venues around the state, and online at www.scheartgallery.org. Portraits are displayed in hospitals, churches, libraries, shopping malls, restaurants, art galleries, and other businesses. Exhibits may be small or large and are designed to fit the participating location.

Since its inception, the South Carolina Heart Gallery has made great strides toward heightening public awareness of children in foster care awaiting adoption. A steady increase in the number of public exhibits during 2009 directly correlated with an increase in the number of visitors to the website and the number of inquiries received from families or individuals interested in adopting. The following indicators are evidence of the continued success of the Heart Gallery during 2009:

- ♥ 34 photographers donated their time and talents to photograph 142 children
- ♥ 126 public venues featured children in exhibits
- ♥ 133,452 people visited the South Carolina Heart Gallery website
- ♥ 1,447 inquiries received from interested families
- ♥ Review Board staff and local review board members donated nearly 300 hours to the South Carolina Heart Gallery



South Carolina's Waiting Children

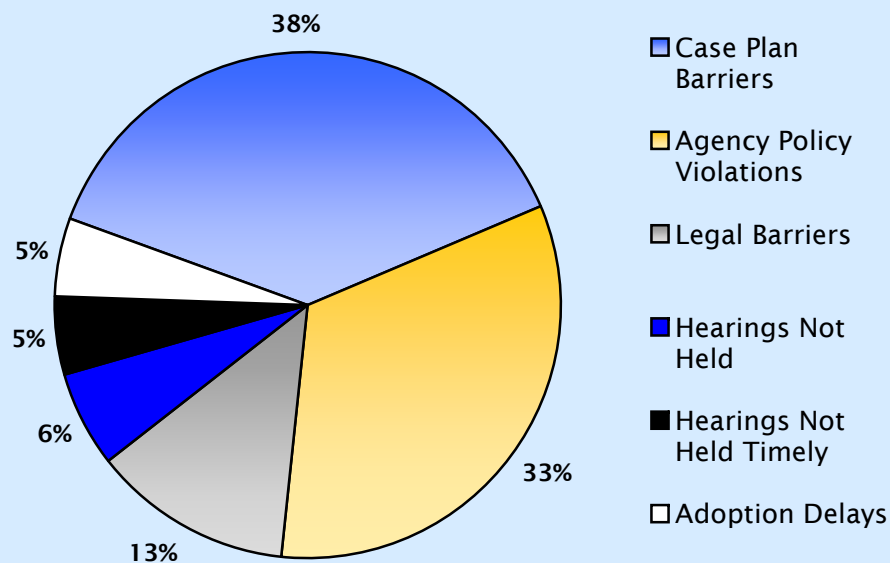
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Summary of Reviews

The Review Board tracks and monitors ongoing, comparative data related to children in foster care in order to gain a better understanding of the trends impacting the system, as well as future implications related to permanence, well-being, and safety. The following sections provide information from data collected for each child reviewed by local review boards. Between January and December of 2009, review boards conducted 8,961 reviews for 5,424 children in foster care.

Areas of Concern

The monthly review process allows local review boards to identify systemic concerns that are barriers to permanence for children in foster care. These systemic deficiencies, or Areas of Concern, are defined as violations of law or policy. The Department of Social Services receives monthly reports on both aggregate and specific Areas of Concern. Review Boards identified 17,669 Areas of Concern in 2009. This graph illustrates Areas of Concern by major categories.



Statistics

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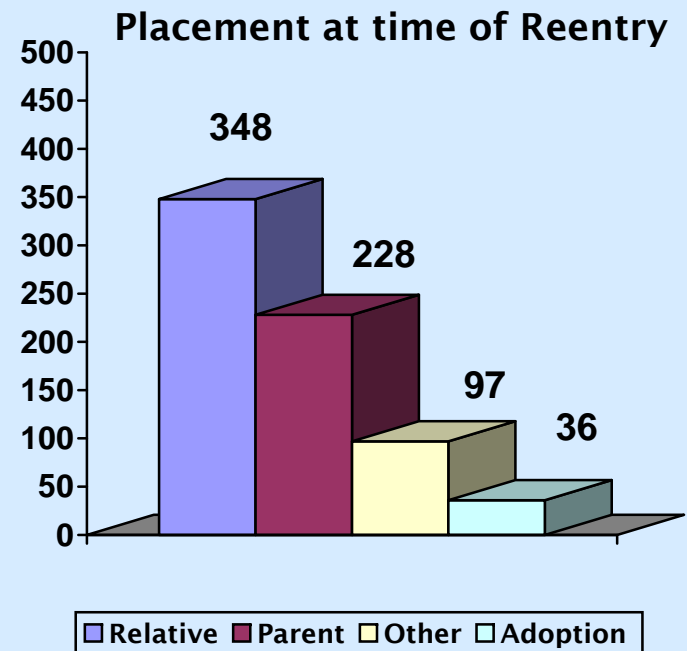
Entering Foster Care

During calendar year 2009, the South Carolina Department of Social Services reported that 3,509 children entered the foster care system. Fifty percent (50%) of children who entered foster care and who were reviewed by local review boards entered due to neglect, and 34% entered foster care due to abuse. The remaining 16% entered care due to abandonment, voluntary placement, dependency, or juvenile offense.

Reentering Foster Care

Of the 3,509 children who entered foster care, 20% (708) had previously been in foster care. Forty-nine percent (348) of the children who reentered foster care in 2009 returned to care from the home of a relative. Returning from the home of parent accounted for 32% (228), and only 5% (36) returned to foster care from an adoptive placement.

For children who have been abused and neglected, the trauma of even one placement into a foster home or group home can have a negative impact on their overall development and jeopardize their ability to become healthy and well-adjusted adults. Going in and out of foster care, or moving repeatedly from home to home, can be devastating for a child.



Leaving Foster Care

During 2009, 1,990 children who were reviewed by local review boards left foster care. The largest percentage of children (38%) leaving foster care returned to the home of a parent, followed by 27% who were adopted. Twenty-one percent (21%) of the children who left care were emancipated or turned 18, and 14% were placed with relatives.

Of the children who left foster care in 2009:

- ♦ 32% were age 16 or older
- ♦ 56% were female and 44% were male
- ♦ More Caucasian children left than African-American and other minority children
- ♦ The average length of time spent in foster care was just under 3 years

Children leaving foster care by departure reason	2006 1,679		2007 1,797		2008 1,977		2009 1,990	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Return to Parent	624	38%	632	35%	721	37%	747	38%
Adoption	427	25%	444	25%	495	25%	536	27%
Relative	254	15%	305	17%	323	16%	284	14%
Emancipation/Other	374	22%	416	23%	438	22%	423	21%

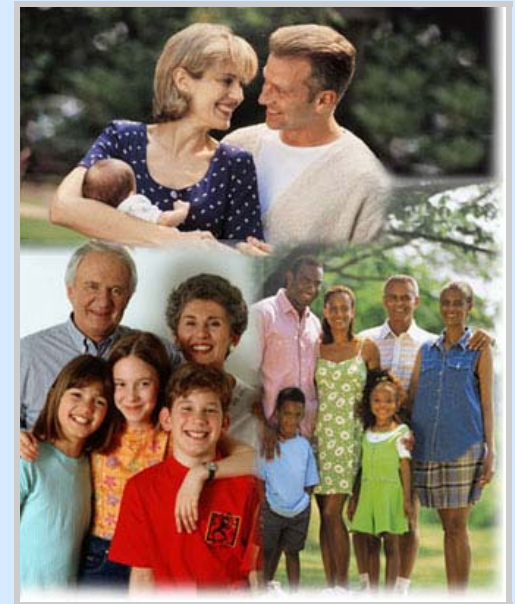
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Adoption

Adoption provides children with a lifetime of emotional and legal connections to a family. In 2009, a record-number of children were adopted from foster care. Five hundred and thirty-six (27%) of children leaving foster care had finalized adoptions. Compared to 2008 data, this is an increase of 41 children. The 536 children who left care through adoption remained in foster care an average of 3.5 years, and averaged 2 placements.

Nineteen percent (19%) , or 99 children, were adopted within the federal standard of 24 months of entering foster care. This is 2% fewer than in 2008. The average age of children who left care through adoption was 6.5 years. In 2009, 48 children age 13 and older were adopted. Teen adoptions accounted for 9% of all adoptions.



Waiting Children

Every child deserves a permanent home, a loving family, and a chance to be cherished. Over 800 children in foster care in South Carolina are waiting for an adoptive family to be identified. In 2009, 401 (20%) boys and girls reached age 18 and left foster care without a permanent family.

Of the 5,424 children reviewed in 2009, 976 (18%) are legally free for adoption. Forty-one percent (41%) of these legally free children are 13 years of age and older, and 17% are age birth to five. These children have been in foster care an average of five years. Thirty-six percent (36%) have been in care for five years or longer, and only 13% have been in care for less than two years.

COUNTY DATA

The following table compares 2009 Review Board data from South Carolina's 46 counties for children reviewed, children entering and leaving care, and permanency outcomes. Permanency is defined as a child returning to a parent or having a finalized adoption. The majority of children who did not achieve permanency during 2009 either turned 18 or were emancipated.

COUNTY	# REVIEWS HELD	# CHILDREN REVIEWED	# CHILDREN ENTERED FC	# CHILDREN LEFT FC	PERMANENCY OUTCOMES		OTHER OUTCOMES	
					% RETURNED TO PARENT	% ADOPTED	% RELATIVE CUSTODY	% OTHER
STATE TOTAL	8,961	5,424	3,509	1,990	38% (747)	27% (536)	14% (284)	21% (423)
ABBEVILLE	56	32	12	9	11% (1)	22% (2)	45% (4)	22% (2)
AIKEN	236	144	83	64	25% (16)	38% (24)	17% (11)	20% (13)
ALLENDALE	30	17	5	1	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	100% (1)
ANDERSON	678	401	216	139	46% (64)	27% (38)	12% (17)	15% (20)
BAMBERG	41	25	23	5	40% (2)	20% (1)	0% (0)	40% (2)
BARNWELL	87	40	10	12	8% (1)	67% (8)	17% (2)	8% (1)
BEAUFORT	87	63	48	34	39% (13)	46% (16)	6% (2)	9% (3)
BERKELEY	323	193	142	62	40% (25)	32% (20)	8% (5)	20% (12)
CALHOUN	42	23	8	4	100% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)
CHARLESTON	868	551	289	225	44% (98)	21% (47)	13% (30)	22% (50)
CHEROKEE	155	97	42	39	38% (15)	21% (8)	23% (9)	18% (7)
CHESTER	42	26	18	12	25% (3)	42% (5)	0% (0)	33% (4)
CHESTERFIELD	91	60	63	34	58% (20)	15% (5)	24% (8)	3% (1)
CLARENDON	103	64	15	23	18% (5)	27% (6)	32% (7)	23% (5)
COLLETON	95	58	43	23	48% (11)	9% (2)	13% (3)	30% (7)
DARLINGTON	172	118	70	51	47% (24)	8% (4)	29% (15)	16% (8)
DILLON	152	101	40	45	60% (27)	13% (6)	7% (3)	20% (9)
DORCHESTER	86	54	79	26	35% (9)	19% (5)	4% (1)	42% (11)
EDGEFIELD	37	22	9	13	46% (6)	31% (4)	15% (2)	8% (1)
FAIRFIELD	26	17	6	6	67% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	33% (2)
FLORENCE	293	164	134	50	42% (22)	10% (5)	25% (12)	23% (11)
GEORGETOWN	77	39	22	16	13% (2)	81% (13)	0% (0)	6% (1)
GREENVILLE	908	565	390	186	26% (48)	40% (75)	13% (25)	21% (38)
GREENWOOD	43	30	26	9	22% (2)	33% (3)	33% (3)	12% (1)

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STATE TOTAL	8,961	5,424	3,509	1,966	38% (738)	27% (532)	14% (273)	21% (423)
HAMPTON	49	32	19	11	27% (3)	0% (0)	64% (7)	9% (1)
HORRY	605	351	173	117	32% (37)	34% (40)	14% (16)	20% (24)
JASPER	38	20	6	6	0% (0)	17% (1)	33% (2)	50% (3)
KERSHAW	117	68	52	11	18% (2)	46% (5)	0% (0)	36% (4)
LANCASTER	110	71	67	21	19% (4)	38% (8)	19% (4)	24% (5)
LAURENS	89	54	61	20	21% (4)	37% (7)	26% (6)	16% (3)
LEE	79	50	15	15	13% (2)	54% (8)	13% (2)	20% (3)
LEXINGTON	409	245	183	92	36% (32)	36% (33)	13% (13)	15% (14)
MARION	149	78	54	21	24% (5)	14% (3)	14% (3)	48% (10)
MARLBORO	69	47	36	20	45% (9)	10% (2)	30% (6)	15% (3)
MCCORMICK	16	10	8	6	83% (5)	0% (0)	0% (0)	17% (1)
NEWBERRY	79	46	35	11	0% (0)	18% (2)	46% (5)	36% (4)
OCONEE	225	135	35	63	40% (25)	38% (24)	5% (3)	17% (11)
ORANGEBURG	163	92	47	31	42% (13)	32% (10)	10% (3)	16% (5)
PICKENS	290	186	109	71	46% (33)	28% (20)	14% (10)	12% (8)
RICHLAND	600	344	346	127	31% (40)	16% (20)	14% (18)	39% (49)
SALUDA	30	22	16	8	38% (3)	12% (1)	25% (2)	25% (2)
SPARTANBURG	495	299	242	98	43% (42)	27% (27)	7% (7)	22% (22)
SUMTER	136	84	42	34	46% (15)	9% (3)	15% (5)	30% (11)
UNION	106	45	52	29	66% (19)	14% (4)	7% (2)	13% (4)
WILLIAMSBURG	84	47	20	9	22% (2)	33% (3)	0% (0)	45% (4)
YORK	295	168	98	81	35% (28)	22% (18)	14% (11)	29% (24)

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In 2009, permanency for children improved slightly from 2008. Thirty-eight percent (38%) of children leaving foster care returned to the home of a parent, and 27% of children leaving care had finalized adoptions.

COUNTY DATA

The following table compares Review Board data from South Carolina's 46 counties for total number of Areas of Concerns, as well as number and percent of total by major group headings for Areas of Concern identified at reviews held in 2009.

COUNTY	TOTAL AREAS OF CONCERN	CASE PLAN BARRIERS	AGENCY POLICY VIOLATIONS	LEGAL BARRIERS	HEARINGS NOT HELD	HEARINGS NOT HELD TIMELY	ADOPTION SERVICE DELAYS
STATE TOTAL	17,669	39% (6,698)	34% (5,988)	11% (2,032)	6% (1,104)	5% (927)	5% (920)
ABBEVILLE	117	47% (55)	23% (27)	9% (10)	15% (18)	2% (2)	4% (5)
AIKEN	553	40% (222)	47% (261)	4% (19)	1% (6)	1% (5)	7% (40)
ALLENDALE	77	52% (40)	23% (18)	6% (5)	3% (2)	13% (10)	3% (2)
ANDERSON	1,809	32% (580)	38% (695)	14% (244)	8% (152)	3% (47)	5% (91)
BAMBERG	129	34% (44)	49% (63)	8% (11)	2% (2)	1% (1)	6% (8)
BARNWELL	145	30% (44)	56% (81)	4% (6)	5% (7)	0% (0)	5% (7)
BEAUFORT	175	39% (68)	43% (75)	12% (21)	1% (2)	1% (2)	4% (7)
BERKELEY	647	31% (199)	35% (228)	8% (54)	12% (78)	8% (50)	6% (38)
CALHOUN	104	30% (31)	23% (24)	11% (12)	21% (22)	5% (5)	10% (10)
CHARLESTON	1,500	32% (477)	27% (409)	17% (262)	8% (119)	10% (150)	6% (83)
CHEROKEE	427	36% (155)	35% (147)	12% (49)	7% (31)	4% (18)	6% (27)
CHESTER	42	29% (12)	67% (28)	0% (0)	0% (0)	4% (2)	0% (0)
CHESTERFIELD	219	43% (94)	36% (78)	9% (19)	1% (3)	9% (20)	2% (5)
CLARENDON	214	50% (107)	27% (57)	13% (28)	1% (2)	3% (7)	6% (13)
COLLETON	168	51% (86)	24% (41)	12% (20)	6% (10)	3% (5)	4% (6)
DARLINGTON	189	32% (60)	26% (49)	22% (42)	6% (11)	13% (25)	1% (2)
DILLON	252	64% (161)	26% (66)	3% (8)	1% (1)	3% (7)	3% (9)
DORCHESTER	231	47% (109)	36% (82)	8% (19)	3% (8)	4% (9)	2% (4)
EDGEFIELD	82	27% (22)	61% (50)	10% (8)	0% (0)	0% (0)	2% (2)
FAIRFIELD	55	45% (25)	43% (24)	0% (0)	0% (0)	6% (3)	6% (3)
FLORENCE	768	34% (264)	41% (313)	15% (115)	3% (24)	4% (33)	3% (19)
GEORGETOWN	91	40% (36)	33% (30)	19% (17)	0% (0)	2% (2)	6% (6)
GREENVILLE	1,934	26% (504)	31% (588)	18% (347)	8% (157)	8% (160)	9% (178)
GREENWOOD	63	48% (30)	33% (21)	13% (8)	3% (2)	0% (0)	3% (2)

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HAMPTON	153	46% (70)	27% (41)	5% (8)	5% (8)	10% (15)	7% (11)
HORRY	1,149	42% (488)	36% (412)	10% (117)	2% (24)	5% (56)	5% (52)
JASPER	123	45% (55)	41% (50)	10% (13)	3% (4)	0% (0)	1% (1)
KERSHAW	305	60% (182)	25% (78)	4% (11)	4% (11)	2% (6)	5% (17)
LANCASTER	64	22% (14)	63% (40)	8% (5)	0% (0)	4% (3)	3% (2)
LAURENS	198	35% (70)	25% (50)	20% (39)	4% (8)	10% (19)	6% (12)
LEE	69	57% (39)	28% (19)	1% (1)	4% (3)	0% (0)	10% (7)
LEXINGTON	1,039	45% (471)	30% (309)	5% (55)	9% (88)	6% (62)	5% (54)
MARION	169	32% (54)	38% (65)	15% (25)	1% (1)	5% (8)	9% (16)
MARLBORO	148	69% (102)	23% (34)	3% (5)	0% (0)	2% (3)	3% (4)
MCCORMICK	28	32% (9)	46% (13)	4% (1)	11% (3)	7% (2)	0% (0)
NEWBERRY	281	48% (135)	22% (62)	12% (33)	10% (27)	<1% (1)	8% (23)
OCONEE	371	40% (148)	31% (114)	7% (26)	10% (37)	6% (22)	6% (24)
ORANGEBURG	155	32% (49)	25% (39)	18% (27)	10% (16)	12% (19)	3% (5)
PICKENS	556	43% (238)	27% (149)	13% (73)	10% (55)	4% (23)	3% (18)
RICHLAND	969	35% (338)	28% (270)	22% (211)	5% (48)	5% (51)	5% (51)
SALUDA	154	35% (54)	52% (80)	4% (6)	7% (11)	1% (1)	1% (2)
SPARTANBURG	1,001	52% (522)	29% (291)	9% (92)	5% (45)	3% (27)	2% (24)
SUMTER	91	34% (31)	37% (34)	7% (6)	2% (2)	9% (8)	11% (10)
UNION	140	29% (40)	31% (44)	30% (42)	3% (4)	7% (10)	0% (0)
WILLIAMSBURG	101	48% (49)	21% (21)	22% (22)	2% (2)	3% (3)	4% (4)
YORK	414	28% (115)	34% (142)	28% (114)	<1% (2)	6% (25)	4% (16)

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"Children are one-third of our population and all of our future."

Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health,
1981

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South Carolina Foster Parent Association (SCFPA) “On the Road Again” project donates used cars to foster youth.

Pictured left to right: Shameokkico Weathers, car recipient; Patricia Jackson, Cooperative Ministries; Brian Marion, SCFPA; Mutia Graham, car recipient; Dr. Kathleen M. Hayes, Director, SCDSS; Mary and Carl Brown, SCFPA



Richland County Department of Social Services holiday party. Pictured left to right: Teresa Anderson, Intensive Foster Care worker; Remona Jenkins, Review Board 5C; and Shirel Frazier, Review Board Coordinator

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